MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA

January 13, 2014

4:00 PM

A Regular Meeting of the Resource Conservation Commission of the City of Chula Vista was called to order at 4:02 PM in Conference Room C101 Building A, located at 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, California.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Flores, Kappes, Romo, Vargas (arrived late at 4:20 pm), Rahimzadeh and Chair Coleman

MOTION TO EXCUSE: Commissioner Valen had sent an email to staff stating he was unable to attend tonight's meeting because he was out of town. Commissioner Flores moved to excuse Commissioner Valen from tonight's meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rahimzadeh and carried by the following vote:

Yes -5 Flores, Kappes, Romo, Rahimzadeh and Coleman No -0

STAFF PRESENT: Administrative Services Manager Beamon, Environmental Service Program Manager France, Environmental Resource Manager Reed, Intern III Ruiz-Velasco and Sr. Secretary Lindsey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Rahimzadeh moved to approve the minutes of the meeting on December 9, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Romo and carried by the following vote:

Yes -5 Flores, Kappes, Romo, Rahimzadeh and Coleman No -0

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Municipal Building Energy Benchmarking

Alejandro Ruiz-Velasco, Intern III, gave a presentation concerning the process to benchmark energy use in buildings.

2. Better Buildings Energy Data Accelerator Initiative

Brendan Reed, Environmental Resource Manager, gave a presentation of the Department of Energy's Better Buildings Initiative.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Consideration of Resource Conservation Commission representation on the Climate Change Working Group to help guide the City's update to its climate Action Plan.

Brendan Reed, Environmental Resource Manager, gave information concerning representation of the Resource Conservation Commission on the Climate Change Working Group.

ACTION: Commissioner Vargas moved to select Chair Coleman, Commissioner Flores and Commissioner Rahimzadeh as representatives to serve on the Climate Change Working Goup. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Romo and carried by the following vote:

Yes -6 Flores, Kappes, Romo, Vargas, Rahimzadeh and Coleman No -0

ACTION: Chair Coleman moved to select Commissioner Rahimzadeh as the Chair of the Climate Change Working Group. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vargas and carried by the following vote:

Yes -6 Flores, Kappes, Romo, Vargas, Rahimzadeh and Coleman No-0

STAFF COMMENTS

Brendan Reed, Environmental Resource Manager, reported on the 2014 Clean Champion Awards. Nominations are due March 3, 2014. The Resource Conservation Commission will select the winners at their March 10, 2014, meeting. Awards are scheduled to be presented to the winners at the April 15, 2014, City Council Meeting.

Lynn France, Environmental Service Program Manager, gave an update on the Food Waste Collection Pilot Program. Beginning on February 5, 2014, residents in the pilot program will have food waste collected with their yard waste. At Commissioner Vargas' request, Lynn gave an update to the plastic bag policy.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Romo reported that he gave a presentation to City of Tijuana, Mexico, officials and they are interested in visiting with City of Chula Vista officials.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chair Coleman reported on the Bay Front Wildlife Advisory Group (WAG). The next WAG meeting will be on February 2, 2014. He reported that the Bay Front Cultural Design Committee still has not met. Chair Coleman also commented that he has noticed an increase in litter along freeways in San Diego County.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Romo moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Flores and carried by the following vote:

Yes -6 Flores, Kappes, Romo, Vargas, Rahimzadeh and Coleman No-0

Meeting was adjourned at 5:37 pm to a regular meeting on February 10, 2014.

Julie Lindsey, Sr. Secretary